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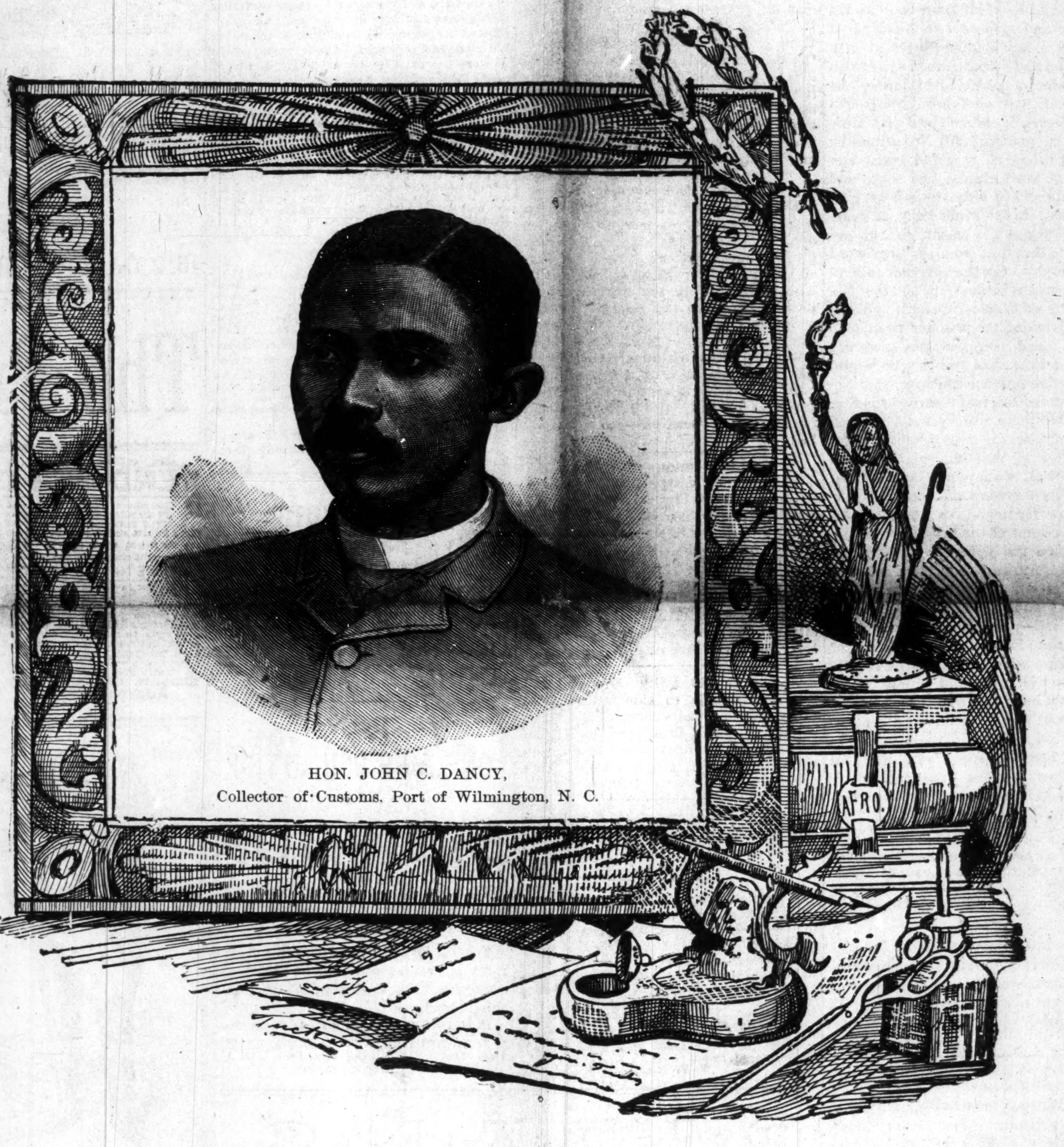

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# THE GEORGIA CRIME

### NEWSPAPER ENERGY SAID TO HAVE CAUSED MUCH OF THE EXCITEMENT

### THE AFTERMATH PLEASING AND

Assuring—Newspaper Energy Should be Spent in Espousing the Virtues of the Negro as Well as His Faults.—The Bright Side of the American Negro.

Contemplating the awful crime of the white people of Georgia a week ago and realizing that under the stress of the horrible excitement, due largely to the electrical energy of the newspapers a shallow pool is turned into an ocean—a mole hill into a mountan. The fact that the great majority of race are living in comparative peace and enjoyment of life and its opportunities, with nearly every reasonable want fairly well supplied, is lost sight of in the rush of the newspapers to secure what is miscalled news—the unusual and the startling. Nothing is said about the thousands of happy, successful and contented people who are prosperous, intelligent and patriotic and who are sweetly law abiding, so much so that if the lawyers and judges were to depend upon their crimes for a living, they would starve to death. For they do not commit crimes; they are self respecting sober and honest. Very little is said in the daily papers about the good, the honorable, the noble men and women of the Negro race. These are so common that they do not attract attention, while crime and extreme poverty are so rare, and relatively infrequent that they become the most startling themes of news. Would it not be better and wiser if these news-gatherers and educators of public opinion would give us more of the great, the pure, the happy, the illustrious, the magnanimous, the generous, the dignified and cultured, and less of the horrid facts and details of destructive crimes? The waves of civilization have reached a high mark upon the shores of time and among the ranks of the best products of this civilization the Negro is found in evidence. The vigorous and vitalizing forces of this civilization, teeming with the varied activities of mental, moral and physical energies, finds the Negro just as susceptable to its influences as the representatves of any other race.

Ignorance is the chief cause of all the errors, misfortunes, troubles and crimes perpetrated by the Negro and upon the Negro. We observe that the more enlightened the mind becomes, the more he is removed from crime. The fact that there is still a great deal of ignorance among the Negroes of the South; the fact that a great many are still in humble and embarrassing conditions constantly living and moving under the dark cloud of ignorance, is it not wonderful that so few are apprehended of grave offenses; that so few prove to be vicious, cruel and mean?

But let us turn our attention to the brighter side of the Negro question—his place in American life. In this busy world, teeming with episodes and incidents of profound human interest, the newspaper scribe is never wanting for a subject—a theme upon which to write. Imagine Mr. Augustus M. Hodges asking, "What shall I write about?" As well try to think of an eternal stream becoming a stagnant pool. The eternal stream rushes, and gushes, and leaps on forever; so the busy brain of The Freeman's versatile writer is constantly evolving new ideas, new thoughts, new phases of life. It is fortunate that this is true. Notwithstanding the effort of the white man to humiliate the Negro and to keep him down to a certain proscribed level, he is irresistable.

Just think of this one fact: The Negro population of North Carolina pays taxes on eight million one hundred and eighty thousand and seventy four dollars, (8,180,074) and this wonderful accumulation of real estate is the result of thirty years of industrious effort. Take the life of Warren Clay Coleman, as an example of the astute and careful business man of North Carolina. He is perhaps the wealthiest Negro in the South. He was born in Cabarrus County, of slave parents, March 25, 1849 and just after freedom came to him he at once set to work to do business for himself. He opened a wholesale and retail store in Concord, made plenty of money engaged in the real estate business and today he owns nearly two hundred houses and has a monthly income of nearly three thousand dollars. Being progressive and anxious to help the race, he conceived the idea of establishing a manufacturing concern, giving the race an opportunity to demonstrate its ability to cope with other races in special fields of skilled work and at the same time having the utilitarian and beneficient view always in mind, he has organized the Coleman Manufacturing Company with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars. He is the originator and chief factor in this gigantic enterprise, and being worth over two hundred thousand dollars himself, success is certain. This cotton factory will be the first and only one in the world to be owned, controlled and officered by Negroes. The company has been incorporated under the laws of the state of North Carolina and the Hon. R. B. Fitzgerald is president; Prof. E. A. Johnson, vice-president; Mr. Coleman, himself, secretary and treasurer. The controlling board of directors are: Messrs. R. B, Fitzgerald, E. A. Johnson, L. P. Berry, S. B. Pride, C. F. Meserve W. C. Coleman, Robert McRae, Jno. C. Dancy, of North Carolina and S. C. Thompson of South Carolina.

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NOTES.

Prof. J. A. Lankford, who for two years, was superintendent and instructor of the Machinery Department of the A. & M. College, at Normal, Ala., has resigned his position to accept the place Master Mechanic of the Coleman Manufacturing Company.

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Hon. H. V. Cashin has just received two hundred and twenty-five dollars for having suffered the humiliation of being put off a train five years ago by a white conductor. Mr. Cashin held a ticket and afterward paid another fare under protest; but the conductor was in error as to the up-to-dateness of the ticket and very gently put him off the train. Just think of the moral victory won. The jury was composed of white men and the witnesses for the railroad Company were all white men, the Judge and the Attorneys were white men and yet they deemed a Negro's injured sense of justice and feeling of humiliation worth $225. Mr. Cashin is a dignified, cultured gentleman and his victory is one of great importance to the race.

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The citizens of Decatur and Huntsville have had the honor of having with them for the past week, Mr. J. E. Cashin of Cashin and Baxter, Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Cashin is one of the most successful business men in the state of Florida. He has been doing a business of forty thousand dollars a year for nearly twenty years. in Jacksonville and being still a young man, there is hope that he will accomplish great good for the race by his earnest effort and great industry. He is now on his way to Hot Springs, Ark., where he hopes to recover from a spell of nervousness and overwork, from which he has suffered greatly during the past year.

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Notice: All of those young men and women who would like to act as agent for the new history of the colored soldiers; "Under Fire With the Tenth Cavalry," should write to me at once, enclosing five two cent stamps for circulars and other information.

CHARLES ALEXANDER,
546 W. Clinton, st., Huntsville, Ala.

### Mattoon's Cake Walker Imitators.

Tuscola, Ill., Special,

Last Thursday night the Tuscola opera house was packed to the door, for the purpose of enjoying a prize cake walk. Rev. J. S. Woods, pastor of the Mattoon Colored M. E. church and his host of colored cake walkers made quite a swell appearance in our streets Thursday. They were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. T. L Gessee of this city. At 8 o'clock p. m., Rev. Woods and his members all appeared at the opera house in full dress. The meeting was opened as usual, then an address from Rev. Woods, he announced that they had come to this city to show us the real cake walk. He was proud to say that it was given for the benefit of his church, and if the people was satisfied and wanted them to come again, they would be glad to do so. Then the pianist, Mr. Willie Huffman gave the signal and the cake walkers were on the floor.

Around and 'round they bowed and scraped
And then went forward at a merry gate
One gal thought she would be cheered by all
When she Palmer-Housed around the hall

They would have been minus of attraction if it had not been for the little girl who led the cake walk who was only about six or seven years old. Tuscola is glad she found out what a real cake walk is, but if that is the best she don't care about seeing any more. Tuscola is noted for giving first class colored cake walks and balls, also perfect satisfaction to the public. If she was not acquainted with such wordly sport, she would have enjoyed that one. As this entertainment was given for the benefit of the Mattoon colored M. E. church, Rev. Woods spaired no pains in pushing it to the front and our citizens believed that they would see something grand and magnificent, something of taste and refinement. It seems like they might have adopted another method of securing money for that purpose, superior to the one they have.

# A SIXTH CONGRESS

### OF THE A. AND M. COLLEGE AT NORMAL, ALA., A SUCCESS.

### A NOTABLE GATHERING OF INTEL-

Ligent Farmers and Moulders of Public Sentiment—The Object of These Meetings—Dr. C. S. Smith Delivers the Principal Address.

Normal, Alabama was very conspicuous April 15, by reason of the fact that the leading farmers and friends of the A. & M. college at this place, gathered there from all parts of the state, a part of Tennessee, and Virginia. It was truly a representative body of intelligent farmers and moulders of public sentiment.

The occasion being, the Sixth Annual Industrial Congress given under the auspices of the A. & M. college at Normal Alabama, of which Prof. W. H. Councill, Ph. D., is president.

These meetings have been held annually. Hereafter this great institution will hold one in April and one in October. No one can attend said meetings and fail to be inspired over the occasion.

The object of the Congress is to inquire into the real condition of the Negroes of Alabama and to find a remedy whereby he can prosper as a farmer or a business man. President Councill would have every Negro of this community and state to buy land and own homes.

The reports from the various countries show a very large measure, the real condition of the American Negro as a farmer, which is very encouraging in this section of the state.

President Councill the great school master of Alabama, and main factor here, has, and is doing a great work of which every Negro and white man too should be proud. He is elevating the element around Normal and Huntsville. Success lurks in every foot-print, he succeeds in every undertaking because he is right.

A notable feature about the Congress more than another was, its prominent visitors among who were, Rev. Dr. Chas. S. Smith of Nashville, Tenn., who delivered the principal address during the session of Congress. After the brilliant and enthusiastic address of welcome by the president, Dr. Smith in his usual happy way appeared on the stage, selected the following as a subject, "A Hot Time in the Old Town tonight," or "The conflict between John and Tom." No amount of running comment is too much for this eloquent and brilliant divine. He takes hold of his subject at the start with vigor and at once sets in locomotion in his hearers inspiration and enthusiasm, while within his process of reasoning which is from the known to the unknown, he takes you into the mysteries of science etc. Dr. Smith is happy when he is talking about the Race Problem, I pass from him by saying he is a fulgrant light to the Afro-American race and a great exponent in the A. M. E. church.

Mr. Chas. Stewart, of Chicago, a prominent newspaper correspondent; Miss Joanna P. Moore, of the Fireside school of America; Prof. B. F. Innis, of Lakeshore, Virginia; Prof. G. W. Trenholm, Ph. B., of Tuscumbia, Ala.; Rev. Garner, of Athens, Ala.; and Rev. Haynes, of Huntsville, Ala.; Misses F. C. Brandon, C. C. Fackler, M. L. Clay, preceptresses of the city schools at Huntsville, Ala.; Misses Wilcox, Perkins and Thomason of the Trinity College, Athens, Ala.

Normal is located four miles from Huntsville, the first capital of Alabama, upon the beautiful summit of Cumberland range, overlooking a great valley which is about a mile in width and is 18 miles from the Tennessee river. Here a fresh breath of air is constantly

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# B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

"Our much-vaunted American civilization took a long step backward Sunday and Monday in Georgia."—The York "Press," April 25th.

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"The best citizens in the community" of South Carolina must arouse, if they do wish "the best citizens in the community" of Georgia to steal their laurels, as the greatest community of "civilized" (or uncivilized) barbarians, God has ever suffered to pollute His green earth. As my faith in God is still unshaken I believe that in the near future He will punish these sinners against the laws of God and man by a Divine visitation: by an earthquake or pestilence.

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The President (who is a Republican, elected by the party of Lincoln, Sumner, Stevens and Grant) a few weeks ago, went "marching through Georgia," not as Sherman did with the sword, but with the olive branch. The President uttered some kind words to the "Crackers;" words that will perhaps cost him the loss of a re-nomination, and words that will beyond a doubt cost him the loss of a re-election. "The best citizens" of Palmetto, Ga., at once started out to belie the President's words to-wit: that the white South of to-day was not the Yankee and "nigger" hating South of yesterday, and up to this writing they have proved by their actions since the President's visit, the sham of their words during his visit.

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The pens of the writers pro and con:—those of progressive civilization, who condemned the last Georgia cold blooded murder; and those of the Dark age tutelage, who tried to justify the barbarism of "the best citizens of the community"—were hardly dry when Christiandom in general, and the whole world in particular (for the crime would not have been committed in Turkey or the wilds of Africa) were disgraced by "the best citizens of the community" of Georgia burning Hose at the stake for a crime a leading doctor of Georgia and many others say he could not be guilty of committing after killing Alfred Cranford.

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Then to make matters better (in their own eyes) for "the best citizens of the community" and worse in the eyes of all the world, his cooked body was butchered up and served out to white ladies, their fathers, husbands and sons as keepsakes of the day. The good Crackers of Georgia fought for the same, in the same way Greater New York city's ladies fight to get at the bargain counter of a dry goods store for cheap or marked down goods. All this my dear reader happened in the last year of the world's most advance century. It was a part of "The White Man's burden."

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"Hereafter let us not condemn the Filipinos for mutilating their prisoners. We do the same by our colored citizens."—The New York "Press," April 25th.

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I do not intend to make any bluster in this "Bluster" about the matter for two reasons: first, before this finds its way in print all of the big Negro writers and speakers and our few, Oh very few, white friends of the Sumner, Mott, Johnson and Thad Stevens stamp, shall have had their say. The words I used in this column a few weeks ago, about the Palmetto case will express my opinion about this. I will simply close the subject with a few clippings from the Associate press and the New York newspapers of the date of April 25th with (perhaps) a short comment.

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**No Federal Action on Georgia Mob.**

Washington, April 24.—Attorney General Griggs, in speaking today of the Negro lynching in Georgia said that the case had no Federal aspect and therefore the Government would take no action whatever in regard to it.

Captain Coghlan of Uncle Sam's cruiser Raleigh, who proved at Manila that he is a good fighter, and who showed at the Union League Club that he is no great diplomat, was marked yesterday for humiliation. President McKinley practically has decided that when he shall visit the Raleigh at the Grant Monument unveilingin Philadelphia on Thursday the ship shall not be commanded by the same brave man who was on her bridge when she helped to win the battle of Manila. It has been planned to put Captain Coghlan on waiting orders or so dispose of him that he will not have the honor of receiving the President on the official visit of the Executive to the Raleigh.

Emperor William's Ambassador to Washington presented the protest of his Government against the Captain's action in relating the facts about the hostile attitude of the German naval commander at Manila.

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Thinking men, both black and white will ask themselves (if not others) why the Government should "take action upon the brave Capt. Coghlan for telling the truth and not even express its disapproval of the Ga. "execution."

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Before we close, we will draw a hypothetical picture of the case, to wit:

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Suppose that Sam Hose had been indicted for murder and rape by a grand jury of his "peers" (by peers I mean white cold blooded murderers) and had been turned over to the sheriff for safe keeping until he had a trial by a jury of "his peers" (which means until his death sentence was legally pronounced). Suppose two hundred of "the best citizens of the community" masked and loaded down with fire arms, swords, ropes, tar, faggots, knives, matches and the rest of a lynching party's paraphernalia, started for the jail to "protect our Southern women" (white of course, black women need no protection against white men who wish to rape them), and again suppose (the following is a supposition pure and simple—as simple as it is pure) that all male Negroes in the State of Georgia had arose on the morning of April 23, and found themselves possessed with courage, manhood, love of law, sense of right and sense of might and sufficient fire arms of the up-to-date style and plenty of power, shot and shell for the same, and had several good cool-headed generals, and suppose two hundred of these brave, law abiding Negroes (with out masks) had marched to the jail (with guns, loaded of course) and informed the sheriff that they were law loving citizens of Georgia, and believed that Hose should be punished for his crimes by death, but that they would resist any attempt to burn him at the stake and cut up his cooked body and sell or give the pieces of the same away, as keepsakes. Suppose the sheriff should say (while his assistant was sending word by telegraph to the the governor to send the state troops to the jail, as the Negroes were up in arms) upon his "honor" he would defend the prisoner from mob violence, and suppose the governor should send the state troops who would of course fire into the ranks of the Negroes, and the Negroes returned the fire, after which there were several pitched battles between the two, in fact a regular "race war" and the black armed men killed all of the white armed men and marched onward and onward taking town after town (like "we" are doing at the home of the Filipino "rebels") and suppose the governor of Georgia, should inform the President of the United States that "a state of war" or "riot" existed in Georgia, he could not stop and ask—yes demanded (under the Constitution) Federal aid in the form of U. S. troops, what would be the result? The answer is plain and simple. The case would have "a Federal aspect" and U. S. troops would at once be sent to aid the good governor of Georgia restore order. "Federal aspect," the national government and the Constitution are all fearfully and wonderfully constructed or turned and twisted.

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"Some savage Filipinos could give lessons in civilization, we fear to thousands of self respecting men and women of Georgia."—N. Y. "Press" April 25th.

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I started to say (but will not) if some white folks of the south, for example the "best" citizens of Ga., go to heaven, I do not want to go there, but—they will not go there.

B. SQUARE.

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### Personal Mention

Hannibal, Mo., Special.

Wm. Wright is now selling the Tenth Cavalry souvenir. Wm. Henry Parish, is president of the Baptist Literary Society. James Hamilton was re-elected as president of the Atheian Literary Society. Rev. Helms reports the Baptist church as progressing. Charles Fouche has recovered from a recent illness. Chas. Purnell was tendered a pleasant surprise party recently. People who owe for The Freeman are requested to remit. Buy the leading colored paper of Geo. or Wm. Wright only 5 cents. Geo. Wright will soon introduce a new song. Watch for it. H. T. Bolden is selling a race paper, Dan Washington one of our boys has joined Darkest America. He is without a rival as a cake walker. Irving French and his great company of performers will play at the park, in an Irish play. We wish our colored people to buy The Freeman, 5 cents. John Rucker, comedian appeared here recently also Tyler and Tischner all were minstrel men of ability. Rev. E. C Cole a St. Louis divine was a visitor here last week. Geo. Wright is advertising Acme Bicycles for Sears, Roebuck & Co., a large mail order house. The The firm secured an excellent agent.

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### The Financial Board Meets.

Washington, D. C., April 20. Representative ministers of the African Methodist Episcopal church have been in the city from all parts of the country attending the annual session of the Financial Board of the African Methodist Episcopal church which met at the headquarters Wednesday morning and was presided over by Bishop Wesley J. Gaines, D. D,, of Atlanta, Ga., who is the president of the Board. The object of the meeting was to audit the books of the financial secretary, Dr. M. M. Moore, who was elected to the position at the General Conference held in Wilmington, N. C., and to make appropriations to the schools and colleges of the connection.

Dr. Moore reported that the General church had collected during the past year over $97,000 for the dollar money fund and that the members of the church were loyal in paying in their their assessments to the support of the church. He spoke in words of praise of the pastors, presiding elders, class leaders and members. He also paid a high compliment to the Sunday school work and was pleased with what they were doing for the cause. Dr. Moore's report was attententively listened to by the members of the Board and it was referred to the auditing committee. He is to-day one of the strongest men in the African Methodist Episcopal church and will be promoted to the highest office in the church at the next General Conference.

CHAS. H. STEWART.

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### Eyes Which See Big.

The other day a man spoke in my presence about a certain real or fancied peculiarity of some animals which, he said, caused the eye to dilate when the animal was subject to sudden fright, thus transforming the pupil of the eye into a magnifying glass of high power. "Why," he said, "if a wildcat frightens a horse, his eyes enlarge so that the wildcat looks to him as big as a tiger."

I have quit saying I don't believe a thing just because I never heard of it before, but, now, what do you think of this? I can imagine a man of the stone age telling this sort of tale to his offspring, the while their prehistoric little eyes grew wide with wonder and amaze, and then when they ran out of the cave to play I see him looking over at the old lady and smiling.—Forest and Stream.

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### An Editor's Reformation.

For over a year The Ledger has been stealing from its exchanges without a qualm of conscience. Notice is hereby given that our better nature has asserted itself, and everything will be credited hereafter. Tell you why. Saw an item in a western exchange stating that a woman was composed of 480 muscles, 320 bones and 250 pins. Copied it as original. Woman read it. Called us a liar. Had concealed on her person 560 pins. Hereafter items will be credited, and the blame of false statements will fall where it belongs.—Roscoe (Pa.) Ledger.

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### How to Pronounce Albany.

The common usage of pronouncing the name of our city as though it were spelled Allbany has so long prevailed that it will probably surprise many readers to be told that the first syllable of the name is properly short and should be pronounced like the Al in Alfred and Albert. Edwin Forrest, who was an accurate orthoepist, called this city Al-bany, not All-bany or Awlbany.—Albany Argus.

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A bucket 743 miles deep and 743 miles from side to side would hold every drop of the ocean. The bucket could rest quite firmly on the British isles. To fill the bucket one would need to work 10,000 steam pumps, each sucking up 1,000 tons of sea.

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"Sell many?" answered the druggist. "I hardly sell anything else. Those people have only taken an old prescription and put a name to it. I wish I could hit on a snap like that."
"They don't claim anything more, do they?"
"Why, no! and that's the funny part of it. Even the name is made of the initials of the drugs of which the stuff is compounded, and I have been making about the same mixture for all the doctors about here ever since I was a boy."
"Yes, but you used to sell it as a powder or a liquid. This tablet form is more convenient and better, isn't it?"
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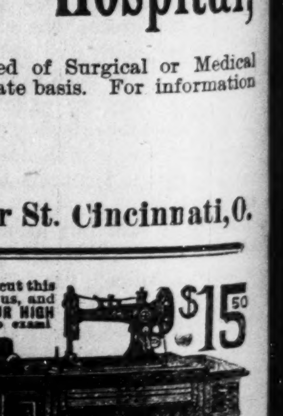
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Marble Falls, Tex.
April the 19: 1899.

Mr editor: dear sir: and dear friend: i is Not dead, is b: square think, But Still trying to Push the Proggress of the Race: Along up the Hill of truth and Jesstis: now Mr: editor: The Reason why i has not writ to you Befor: is You Did Not Print: my christmas Letter what i Writ so i cluded you Did not have Room for the Old Mans thorts and idares and pints: , But since then i got your letter splaning why my last letter were not printed and it was a Good Resone i Now writes again: this short letter: i Wants to Say a few word about: this here White man burdin: i reads so much aBout and. b: square and dr. magers write so much about in the freeman: let Me say brother knox: a Few Words threw the freeman aboute the subject: let me say that the Black man he have got to heave down the white man burdin: the Red man Burdin: the chinyman burdin, and his own Burdin, he have been a Toten Burdins for the last 200 and 50 years: and now it are time for him to hove Down all them Burdins: and take up the joys, plesshures, busnest an; so: forth of american Life: He Must take up the White man Way of gitten Money: he Must take up the white man way of gitten honor: he must take up the white man way of geting Homes: and land: and all them things: what makes the white man rich: the Black man: he must Push the Proggress of the Race along and tote No More Burdins of no kind: no how: let the white man tote his own burdins and ours to. let b; square and all our Grate writers: write less Poetree: and Do more work: talk lest and do more: to Push the the Proggress of the Race Along: is i said over 2 Years ago threw the Freeman: we Talk to much and Do to Little: let us: in the future: Talk lest and Due More:

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## A WOMAN YOU CAN'T SNUB.

### Never Trifle With a Skinny Woman if Her Face Shines.

Do you know who is the most exasperating woman in the world? The woman you can't snub. She is two kinds—the meek and lowly sort, that when you smite her turns the other cheek until you're positively too tired to deal her another blow, and the one whose self importance is invulnerable as Achilles' heel. I met one of the last kind early in the winter. On general principles I would avoid this woman, because she's skinny and her face shines. Something is all wrong about a skinny woman; one way or another she's dangerous.

When a skinny woman's face shines, it means she's above using powder and is sure to make a parade, as a virtue, of the very wrong that is to account for the lack of flesh on her bones. I couldn't help the woman calling on me, and I returned her first call rather than run the risk of what she might do to me if I violated this fundamental principle of right social action as prescribed by every etiquette book in the land. When she called a second time, she addressed me as "my good woman." I can forgive almost anything but being called a good woman. Only a menial or mediocrity past 40 is properly termed a good woman. I resolved to snub this creature, and I wanted her to know I was snubbing her. I would never return her visit—never. And how do you suppose she takes it? Every time she sees me she apologizes to me for not having returned my visit—blots my intended neglect of her out of mind and patronizes me with the assumption that it is she who is neglecting me. Mark the wisdom I have uttered.

Never trifle with a skinny woman if her face shines.—Washington Star.

## AT THE BOOK BARGAIN SALE.

### The Kind of Intelligent Salesladies They Have In New York.

Mr. B. Worm—Have you a cheap edition of "The Iliad?"

Miss Jenkins (first saleslady, shifting gum)—Who by?

Mr. Worm—Homer.

Miss Jenkins—We got a cheap edition of "The Idiot" by a man named Homer, Miss Smithers?

Mr. Worm—Not "The Idiot"—"The Iliad"—Ill-ee-ad.

Miss Jenkins — "The Illy Add." Queer name that. Don't think I ever heard of the book. Sounds Roosian. 'Bout Roosia, is it?

Mr. Worm—No, I think not; Greek mostly.

Miss Jenkins—Oh! It's a Greek story, Lizzie. I think I've heard of it. Tells about the war they had between Greece and Japan, I b'lieve.

Miss Smithers (second saleslady)—The name of the book you want is "The Idiot." You want it in paper cover?

Mr. Worm—No; I'm sure it's "The Iliad."

Miss Smithers—Well, I think you've got it wrong. It might be "The Kailyard." I've heard of something like that. Who do you say the book's by? Homer? Don't know his full name, do you?

Mr. Worm—No; that is, that's all there is of the name.

Miss Smithers—Oh, I see—norme de ploom. I never heard of him. Must be some new man ain't got his reputation made. We don't keep none but the real pop'lar books. Miss Jenkins, s'pose you look through that pile in the corner.

Miss Jenkins (after three minutes' search)—No; we ain't got a copy of "The Lizard."—New York Sun.

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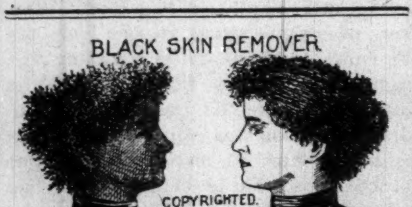

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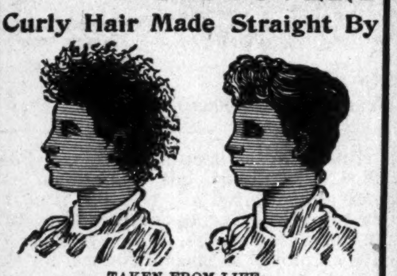

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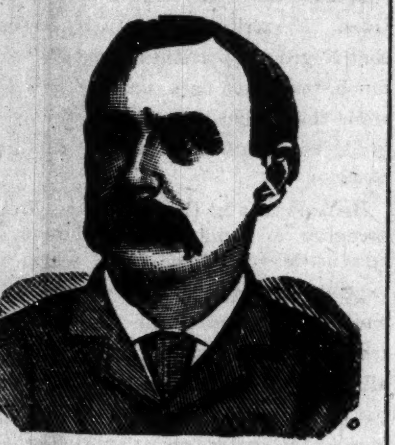

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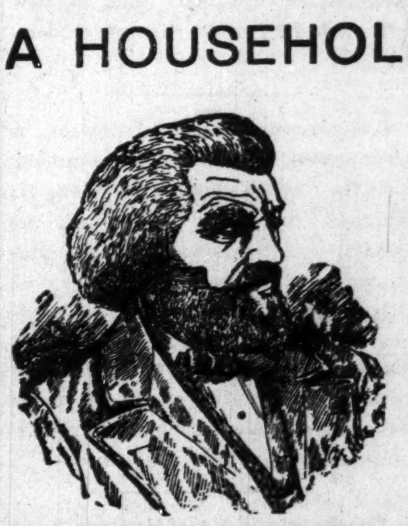

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## SENTIMENT BUILDING.

The Evening Scimitar of Memphis, Tenn., editorially in speaking of the late lynchings, says:

> The sufferings and death of a man who has committed the darkest crime in all the calendar are of comparatively small consequence. Whatever the merits of the case may be, a spectacle like that at Newnan must brutalize and degrade in their own esteem all who witness it, and as for those who take part in the cruelties inflicted on the victim of the mob, it needs no student of the species to tell us that they can never again be as they have been. The recollection of that savagery and the effect of it upon the moral nature of the participant can never be eradicated. He has surrendered the major part of his heritage of civilization, and thereafter he must either live under the burden of self-reproach or go on to the commission of like deeds that he may sear the wounds of conscience.

The above from a Southern paper is full with well-timed suggestions, the import of which should be thoroughly appreciated by either race. There is no occasion to enlarge on the highly philosophical utterances which are in keeping with the best thought of the country; but we take this occasion to present other sides and other means towards a peaceful issue.

We may add however in passing that not only are those of the immediate scene of the horrible tragedies or its familiars to the incidents guilty of self-abasement but that the public mind has been and is abased through the action of the mob.

Never with the same concern will the nation hear the rehearsal of those savage tales. The public mind is detoned; it is more succeptible to the acquiescent reception of similar information. If these scenes were to be re-enacted there would doubtless be a diminishment of that honest heartfelt horror and aversion so profoundly and generously shown.

The public conscience has suffered! Woe betide the race, if the oft recurrent deeds become a fixture in the national life of America—expected incidents—the natural punctuations of the Negroes tramp from civil death to civil life, thereby making extinct that public conscience the only racial lever with which to erect the race in to tolerable citizenship; leaving the charred remains, of black despair unable to respond at the supremest moments of necessity.

This Georgia killing, that perilous test of the existence of a public sentiment in the matter has borne fruit. Shall this sentiment be kept alive or shall it sink beyond recall by injudiciousness, indiscretion or intemperance? The flame of public conscience must be kept steadily aglow; like a certain religious sect of the earlier ages, who held it a calamitous portend to witness a flameless altar.

Violent, vociferous vituperative protestations, unhappily for the race but happily for civilization has not been the panacea. Diplomacy, tact and moderation are the understood and expressed laws of modern days when it comes to the adjustment of international, national and racial difficulties. In event these fail the sterner arbiters are the courts of the last resort. Let the race gain wisdom from the wings of passing events and secure a racial healing.

We deplore the unguarded vehement out bursts so often witnessed in our race journals that in nowise conduce to the end in view. We all know what it is to kick against the pricks. That our race men are often justified in their bitter feeling of resentment cannot be gainsaid, but the manner of expressing that resentment very often, needs to be emphatically protested against.

In keeping public sentiment aflame we must be conventional; observe the laws that regulate compacts of men. For instance it is not the Negro journalists peculiar province to attribute the administration motives other than advertised when it decides to go East. West or South. Such impugnment will be held to be uncharitable; to say the least unpolitical—we are not political nihilists. It is not conventional—even the most rancorous Republican hating Democrat lifts his hat to the chief executor feeling that he is our President too.

Let us cultivate a lively sense of patriotism. It is the sensible thing to do. We, ourselves, will not, must not render ourselves homeless by overt act or alienating speech that tends to put space between "thee and me." Little concern will the race expect if when summing up the patriotism of the race the country finds it is half-hearted and cold in the espousal of its general interests. If this is evident the flame of public sentiment will soon be snuffed. It is a poor bird that befouls its own nest. From a standpoint of national polity, conservatism or economy the race can afford to take issue against the government's policy in the Philippines but as a race issue—never! unless we adjust our sympathies and antipathies according to such broad lines perpetual breakers must be expected. Let the battles of Cuba and those of the Philippines be of paramount significance to the race. We ourselves are not going to erect racial walls by fighting the white Spaniards and play the Achilles when it comes to the black Philippines. Let us meet some of the issues of the race question with a fair and square front and when all is done and said if "thick night comes" then "dammned be him that first cries 'hold enough.'"

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The charge that the M. E. Church is to some extent responsible for the bad feeling between the races in the South is certainly not sustained by any argument offered in support of the contention. Rev. W. P. Thirkield, president of Gammon Theological Seminary, of Atlanta, Ga., is doing his best towards saving the Church from any such accusation. In the Atlanta Constitution of a recent date he certainly put at rest all attempts to involve the church in any way beyond that which becomes christianity and the justifiable attempt to bring peace to the community and state.

It is hoped that malicious accusation will fall far short of the mark. The attempt to minimize the influence of a great church with good ends in view only, is worthy of the severest condemnation.

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Some one suggests that in view of the past, present and possible future troubles that the Negroes move to the West. He suggests that that section of the country is desirable due West of a line drawn from El Paso, Tex., to Duluth Minn. The writer asks us to urge the matter. We have not thought of it sufficiently to judge the merits of the sugestion. We certainly would not undertake to advise along such lines until the scheme was maturely considered.

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Charles Alexander, of Huntsville, Ala is preparing for a souvenir publication to be known as the "One Hundred Distinguished Leaders." He says it will contain one hundred portraits and biographical sketches of college presidents, lawyers, doctors, editors, business men, poets, bankers and men who are blazing the way of race progress.

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In regards to the late lynchings of the South, the tone of the Negro Press was in keeping with the unusual circumstances. But a few journals with more loquacity than sagacity felt it was their peculiar province to take total possession.

## THE CONDITIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA

In a communication from Port Elizabeth, S. Africa to The Freeman the condition of that far-away country is set forth in a manner that will not inspire confidence as to the welfare of the natives. The writer starts out by saying that Negro publications are needed very much, that some data may be gleaned from them that may be useful as a guide for the future action of the natives.

He feels that in the transition from savagery to civilization, the native at once needs something upon which to expend the energies of his recent awakened consciousness. The native is extremely sensitive to the hurting, demoralizing influences that naturally accompany civilization; the drink habit according to the writer being the earliest acqured and the most assiduously seized upon.

"It is just what the European wants." We are loathe to believe that the Negroes are purposely incited to drink in order to still brutalize them in the face of the advertized attempts at civilization. The writer insists that a low order of civilization is desired that laborers may be cheap and plentiful.

The people of Great Britain are blamed for the introduction of the rum system. The writer deplores the existence of a special brand of this brain stealing produce, "Cape Smoke" which he says is as deadly as the meanest poison.

Great hope is entertained from the erection of a college in that vicinity by the A. M. E. church where the natives can better taught. We should like to say right here that we do not know the educational status of that country but from what we understand there are no educational advantages worthy of the name. In view of that fact it is to be hoped that the church knows just exactly what it is doing. If this school is to be an institution for instruction along industrial lines, as it should be, it should be so-called, leaving out the high-sounding sophomeric title "college" until the native is prepared to bear it with equanimity.

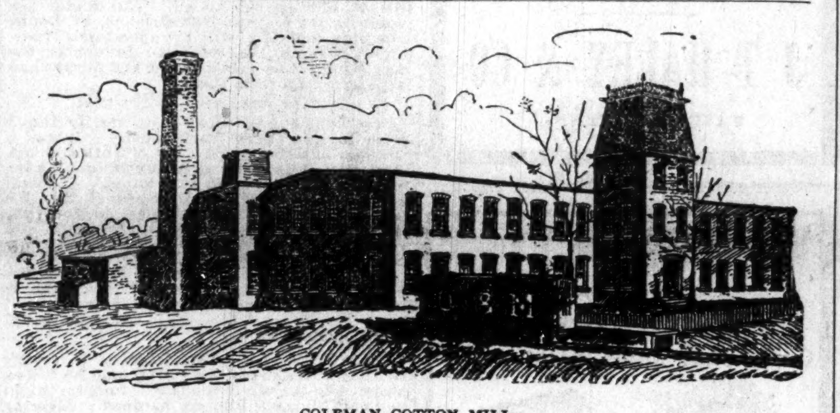
It may not be that with all the stimuli towards higher education, that there would not be too much education even for the ordinary occupations in life; but if the whole bent of the whole people were in that direction presuming that conditions are about the same there as here, and with no tendency towards the creative side in educational life, there would in time accrue a considerable mass of people that would be useless and out of joint with the times and their environments.

It may be that this school is just what is needed. If so the alluring sound of the high title should go as too indicative of high notions. We speak with a fulness of knowledge born out of our experiences in America.

The writer asks that American ladies come over to help save the native girls. "There is nothing being done to better their condition and they are going to ruin." The industrial school is their salvation. Erect the school. Teach them how to make something.

The African Negro problem is looming up, to which the one in America will pale into insignificance by contrast.

And again we insist that time will be the most formidable element in solving them. The war of the races—race extermination on race subjection are the alternatives from indications at this time. The great desire is that the races get along amicably side by side, while the logical end seems aside from man's hopes and endeavors is the fusion of blood. But in the meanwhile, while speculation is rife as to the end of man's endeavors and hopes, and fated destiny, our eyes should not be closed to the crying needs of the hour. All should be done for Africa that can be done. They ask that teachers, persons competent to instruct, be sent into different communities. The missionary spirit should prevail to a far greater extent than is now apparent. By your works ye shall be known.



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A twenty-five thousand dollar lie.—The Lexington Standard.

Don't be so rough Brother Benjamin. It may be so, but it is not to be doubted but what there is a string to it, to the tune of a good old fashioned gilt-edged mortgage to be applied, payable in gold, the money of the realm, etc.

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The following is a letter from Attorney General John W. Griggs to Booker T. Washington, which speaks for itself:

Office of Attorney General
Washington, D. C., April 13, '99.
President Booker T. Washington,
Tuskegee, Ala.

Dear Sir:—The President has referred to me your letter of the 8th. inst. relative to the trial of the persons accused of lynching the colored post master and his family at Lake City, South Carolina.

I am glad to inform you that this Department, in connection with the Post Office Department, has spared no expense and devoted all possible time to ferret out the evidence that would justify the conviction of the guilty parties. I have employed as special counsel for the United States, one of the ablest lawyers in Charleston and a man having a wider influence at the bar and among the better class of people than any other I could find. The special inspectors and detectives have worked hard night and day for months to secure the evidence. If the prosecution fails it will only be because the jury will not convict in the face of clear evidence. I assure you that the Government has done all in its power to punish these men.

Respectfully, yours
J. W. Griggs,
Attorney General.

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It is said the Kaiser simply smiled when he heard the verses that threatened the peace of the round world. Well if he had not laughed at those verses it would have been a sure sign of chronic melancholia. They were funny enough to make both of them laugh.

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There is no necessity for Booker T. Washington to insist that he is not in politics. The question as concerns the Negro is racial and concerns politics only so far as politics may be used to secure the desired ends.

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The Gammon Theological Seminary, of Atlanta, Ga., will hold its commencement anniversary May 10th.

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Nor should we hold the government responsible. It is the people that are King in a Republic.

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Beef! beef! Did any one ever hear of so much beef(ore?) Been to the war and all worn out.

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The meeting of the executive Committee of the National Afro-American Council, at Washington, on the 7th inst, was well attended and full of interest. The plan of the work outlined promises much good to the race if faithfully performed. It is to be hoped that local councils will be organized in every state of the Union.—The Conservator, Chicago, Ill

## A SIXTH CONGRESS

Continued From First Page.

penetrating the dormitories and other commodious buildings on the campus.

The main building, Palmer Hall, is the first to claim your attention. It is a brick structure three stories towering heavenward to the delight of the students and teachers. The first and second floors contain 18 rooms including the chapel and presidents office, which is the center of attraction at Normal, in this office you will find the pictures of all the great men of the country, a fine library and a beautiful writing and business table, and a goodly number of the honored students pictures. Here Prof. Councill has every book in this office marked which is an evidence of a restless mind which is seeking after information. A man of this type is to be admired by his enemies

I forgot to say that the third story in Palmer Hall is the girls dormitory.

W. H. P.

### A Trolley Party.

Mobile, Ala., Special.

William Jackson a respectable citizen was arrested on the 22, of April by Sheriff McLean, on a warrant sworn out against him by Hattie Litt for attempt of arson. Every man and woman with good thought and race pride should read The Freeman, for it is a race paper and if you don't take it you ought to, 5 cents a copy. David Williams was arrested on the 22, of April charged with embezzlemnent from a stewart on the Norwegian steamer Managria, in this port. Buck Taylor was adjudged insane on April 22, he was charged with assault and battery upon his sister Lavina Taylor. John Williams left for Moss Point, Miss., Wednesday. The Freeman is worth more attention than the other papers. Why? Because it is an illustrated newspaper and king of all race papers. Lewis Harps of Battles was in the city Tuesday. The Delaware street Baptist church corner stone was relaid Sunday April 21, by the Timbermen and Fire company. Five other societies assisted in the ceremonies and also Rev. J. R. Bussy and Rev. R. H. Tunstall, of Little Rock, Ark., and a number of local preachers were present. The trolly party given by the Ladies Benevolent Relief Association last Monday night was a grand success, and Mrs. Ellen Davis and E. W. Brunson are deserving much credit for the way they managed it. The Freeman gives full details of what the race is doing. The Supreme court has affirmed the decision in the case of Andrew Pruitt, from the Mobile City court. Pruitt was sentenced to life imprisonment, at the November term of court 1898 for the murder of William Jones, near Grand Bay in 1897, he was taken to prison on the 25th, to serve out the remaining days of his life. Three laborers working on the sewer system, at the corner of Jackson and Micheal streets, were injured on the 24th ult., by a large embankment of earth falling in on them, the cave in was caused by the bursting of a waterworks pipe. The Freeman has agents and reporters all over the union and can afford to give its readers something to interest them if they will only read it and be up-to-date. Percy Walker of Brazil street is one of the Freeman admirers and is assisting the agent, among his friends which is highly appreciated by the agent. Andrew Anderson was before Judge Simmons, the April 25, on a habeas corpus proceedings. He is charged with an alleged assault with attempt to rape upon Silva Birdsong. After hearing the evidence in the case he was remanded to jail. "Cuff" Dick Taylor was shot in the right side of the neck on Wednesday night April the 26 and was taken to the city hospital where his wound was pronounced serious but not fatal. The Freeman is slowly but surely finding its way into many homes of Mobile. Gus Hayes and Charles Perkins was arrested on the 26th charged with attempt to murder, it is alleged that last Saturday night they assaulted George Washington on the river 18 miles above here and came near killing him. Rip Dillard was taken back to Montgomery on the 26th, where he is wanted for attempt to murder. Give the agent your news items for publication on Saturday so it can be read by Mobile readers and by eighty thousand others all over the United States and Canada. Willie Moore who has been in jail since March for the murder of Walter Parcher Brown was released from jail on bond on the 26th ult., Moore was bound over to the city court for the sum of $1,000 in March to await the action of the grand jury. Moore says he is confident he will be acquitted when his case is called. Are you a race man if you are and believe in helping to support the cause of the race you can do so by showing The Freeman to your friends, clubs, society and lodge members who are not readers of The Freeman. Ask the agent for sample copies to distribute among your friends and he will gladly give them to you, for when you support The Freeman you are supporting a paper that is pleading for justice and liberty for 1,000,000, of an oppressed race, so help the agent get subscribers among your friends and it will be appreciated by both the agent and editor. "Cuff" Dick Taylor who was shot on the 26th ult., is very much improved, he has always been a law abiding citizen and the shooting of him is regretted by his many friends. On the night of April 27, about 8 o'clock Israel Bradford age 47, was taken suddenly with convulsions at the corner of Cedar and Church streets and died in a few minutes afterward. Will the readers of The Freeman in Mobile who are members of any society or lodge, who have any news for publication such as socials, parties, entertainments, picnics, trolly parties, weddings, births, deaths, illness etc, let it be known to the agent every Saturday and it will appear in the current weeks issue. Our agent will collect every Saturday and Monday so please don't forget him, when you are reading this paper, remember him.

## A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

From Hon. John C. Dancy, Collector of Port—A Scholar, Preacher and Newspaper Man—In Government Service.

Office of the Collector of Customs.
Port of Wilmington, N. C.,
To the Editor of The Freeman:

I think it but fair that we give voice to our feeling of pleasure and gratification whenever the source of it warrants it. Permit me therefore to congratulate the Freeman upon the rare wisdom, excellent spirit and great firmness displayed in its editorial columns. I have been especially pleased with the tone and strength of these editorials during the last few months, when discretion, conservatism and foresight are at such a premium, and so much needed. While you are as true to the race as any of our editors, yet you seem to calmly weigh the situation, and discern that the only way to win is to at least divide the opposition by deserving a part of its sympathy and its championship of the cause.

Very sincerely yours,
JOHN C. DANCY.

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Towell, Jim
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White, James
Williams, Henry
Young, Billy

"Say Tio, did you forget your promise" —Harry Prampin.

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Oliver P. Scott's Minstrels closed at Marion, O., May 3.

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Chas. H. Williams sends regards to Williams and Walker.

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Harry Prampin sends regards to the Tio brothers, Lacy and Pete Woods.

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Wm. (Kid) Asher sends regards to Billy Miller and the McCarver Bros.

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The Heardes are booked to appear at the Great Northern Theatre, Chicago, next week.

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Allie Brown has been engaged to finish the season with Jno. W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels.

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L. E. Gideon, manager of the P. T. Wright's Nashville Students, sends regards to his friends.

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John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels and "Darkest America" will close their season about June 4.

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George L. Moxley has fully recovered from his recent illness and has rejoined Mahara's Mammoth Minstrels.

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The Whitman Sisters Comedy Company is still at Savanah, Ga., theatres showing to packed houses of both white and colored.

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S. J. Waddell, Ike Williams and John Bell "real" cake walkers, singers and banjo experts are with the new Toomer Comedy Company at Savanah, Ga.

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Clarence Powell sends regards to Cissal and Mines, Wm. Hallback, John Larkins, Fountain and Carrie Woods and all friends in and out of the profession.

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The Afro-American Dramatic Co., is the name of a new organization to go on the road shortly, from Savannah, Ga. Mr. J. Eugene Kimball is at the head of it.

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Dick Thomas and H. S. Wooten, of Richards, Pringle, Rusco and Holland's Big Minstrel Festival are resting at B. Miners, Chicago. They send regards to Harry Gillam and all friends.

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Ernest Hogan has joined E. E. Rice's "Captain Kidd" company at Philadelphia, May 1. Mr. Hogan is the only colored person in the cast of one hundred and twenty-eight people.

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Whitten Viney, tenor soloist closes a successful season with the Oliver Scott's minstrels, May 3. Regards to Guy Hughes, Lawrence Chenault and Harry Brown. Will be at liberty after May 6.

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Messrs. Wm. (Kid) Asher, B. F. Gordon and Lew W. Henry of the "Coon Hollow" company were among the long list of Freeman visitors. The boys report that the show has been playing to fine business.

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Charley Hunter piccolo and baritone soloist is with the Georgia Up-to-Date and sends regards to all friends. He is signed for 42 weeks, thanks for kind offers. He is off the sick list now and that means always working.

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John Eason, the famous tuba, double bass, and violo artist closed the season with Scott's minstrels May 3. He will spend his summer vacation in St. Louis, Mo., No. 1306 Clark avenue. He is at liberty for summer. Friends write.

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McCarver, Reed and McCarver closed a successful season of 42 weeks with Scott's minstrels, May 3, at Marion, O., and will spend most of their open time this summer in Columbus, O. They will be pleased to hear from all friends.

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B. E. Johnson the phenominal baritone, with the P. T. Wright's Nashville Students is singing with great success "I Was Once Your Wife," and "Just One Girl." He sends regards to Lowery, McQuitty and other friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Small, with the "Coon Hollow" company were pleasant callers at the Freeman office last Tuesday. The Smalls when not on the road are residents of Cincinnati, O., and while here met many old acquaintances.

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Harry L. Gilliam wishes to return regards to McCarver Reed & McCarver, Julius Glenn, P. G. Lowery, Tom Logan, Dick Thomas, Lash Gideon and Dan Desdunes, and says his permanent address is Wells, Minn., drop him a line.

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Ralph Devine, the young trombone soloist, states that in a few days he will be enjoying the fresh country air of Nulldale, Ky. He will be pleased to hear from all friends, per address 610 Central avenue, Cincinnati, O. Best wishes and regards to all friends.

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The Toomer Merry Makers Company will shortly begin the tour of the South. This company is a new one but has met up with great public favor. Having such men on their cast as Dennis Mitchell and Brooks the eccentric comedians, Hernando the Magic Wonder; Kid Bell the King of real Southern cake walkers, the next best of Williams and & Walker, and the celebrated midget quarttete led by Ike Williams the sweetest singer in all Georgia, and Stonewall Waddell, the banjo king.

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Lorenzo Tio, ex-clarionettist of Richards & Pringle's, Ruscoe & Holland's minstrels now closing a season of 42 weeks with Oliver P. Scott's minstrels, will spend his vacation in the Crescent City, New Orleans, La. He sends regards to Brother Louis Tio, Clarence P. Jones and Prof. Henderson Smith; also the same to Robert Leach and pardner, which he says, "I wish you success old pal. Pleased to hear from all friends; write per address 1722 Ursuline avenue, New Orleans, La."

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The Heardes—J. H. and Mabel, opened their weeks' engagement at Milwaukee, May 1, and proved to be one of the big hits of the bill. "Rowdy" their pug dog, was presented with a $10 collar by the management of the theatre for his daring feat of walking a tight rope. "Rowdy" Hearde sends regards to "Roxie Ann Collins, and says that he is the only pug dog in the world that walks a tight rope, also that he is the leading feature in the Heardes' singing and dancing act. They will sail for Australia May 17.

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Chas. H. Williams, onr special representative with the Ellsworth Comedy Co., sends the following:—"The last issues were duly received alright; enclose please money order for the same number of copies for this week. Business continues good, weather fair. The Two Mortons and H. Clark, the Eb cornetist, visited friends in Waco, Tex., Sunday, and a fine time was had. Prof. G. B. Brooks has added another member to his band, in the person of the well known solo baritone player, H. Morton, of Omaha, Neb.

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Joe Jordan, of St. Louis, is with the Georgia Up-to-Date and has proven to the public and the profession, that he is an all around musician, for in the last two weeks he has had the oportunity of playing upon three diffeient instruments, first violin, trap drum and double bass, which instrument he is now performing on, and has given entire satisfaction. He sends regards to all members of the "Darkest America" Co. Charles Parker and Hopkins, and says stick on your pins until you see me.

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Preparations have begun for the monster benefit of the McClain Lodge No. 1, B. O. of C. P., to be given at Indianapolis in June, at one of the local theatres. Many prominent members of the colored profession have offered their services for the occasion, among those are John Rucker, Fred W. Simpson, Clifford D. Brooks, Geo. Bailey, Marsh Craig, Gil Garay, Miss Lillian Garay, Mme. Alice Crockett-Scott, Lawrence E. Chenault, McCarver, Reed and McCarver, Harry Fidler and others. All persons wishing to assist in this entertainment are requested to call in person or address a postal to the chairman of the committee —J. Harry Jackson, care The Freeman. Many new and novel features will be introduced this season, and a strenous effort will be made to eclipse the high standard raised last season.

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The "Coon Hollow" company which occupied the boards at the Park Theatre, Indianapolis, the first part of the week played to excellent business, considering the extreemly warm weather. As usual in this city, when a mixed show appears the colored contingent never fails to completly capture the audience. The chorus, quartette singing, buck and wing dancing was above the average heard this season; the soft-shoe dancing of Asher and Henry, and the excellent way that the Smalls handled their parts are worthy of special mention. The company will close their season at Detroit, Mich., May 13. The following are the colored members: Miss Alberta McCarver, the Smalls, B. F. Gordon and Asher & Henry. They left for Cleveland, O., Thursday morning.

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Johnson and Harris now with the Georgia Up-to-Date are fast gaining a reputation as comedians as well as dancers. They have added many new and original features to their already strong sketch which makes it one of the strongest acts of its kind now before the public. Duke Johnson the senior member of the team, as a neat dancer stands second to none. As or style and execution he has plenty fo lend. Shorty Harris the comedian f the team or in other words the funny man of the act is a natural born buck and wing dancer. As for originating steps and keeping the audience in an up-roar of laughter with his funny and original dance which is done only as shorty can do. Johnson & Harris are two gentlemen as well as performers, success shall be their lot as they are hard workers and their hats still stay on their heads. They send regards to their many friends in and out of the profession.

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Simpson and Pittman, high class musical artists, closed with Scott's minstrels May 3, and will play ten weeks' summer engagements through Minnesota and Wisconsin with W. A. Mahara's mammoth colored minstrels. They sends regards to all friends and say "we are making good and will introduce two more new and original instruments in our act next season."

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A special session was called last Tuesday evening by the McClain lodge No. 1, B. O. of C. P., Indianapolis, for the purpose of initiating a few strangers into mysteries of the order. Wm. Asher, Chas. T. Small and Lew W Henry members of the "Coon Hollow" company were anxious to roam the forest with the herd of parental "Buffaloes," and after having met the requirements necessary on these occasions they were received into the herd amid much noies and led through the burning sand to the land of cactus and the home of Buffaloes. The boys made the journey well. Not being satisfied Friends Charles T. Small, Wm. Asher and James T. Boyd taken the Cabinet degree and are now fuli-fledged members of the Court of Justice. A large number of members were present and most enjoyable evening was spent.

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C. Jakes Scotte, our representative with Mahara's Mammoth Minstrels sends the following:—The week of April 24, we began in Des Moines to audience that packed the house from the opening to the closing hour, attracted by an out and out minstrel show, in which plenty of old time minstrely is the principal characteristic. The tuba solo offered by Mr. Wm. Garland scored for him his ever deserved hit, the throng seemed unwilling to let him give way so that the parade could proceed. Nothing more can describe the harvest. Mr. Geo. L. Moxley our old stage manager has gained his health and is back filling his old position again. The members of the company gave him a reception to show him that they wished him welcome. Our new uniform is strikingly beautiful. Mr. Gordon C. Collins appeared in his new afterpiece and worked most heroically in the mean time receiving the desired result. The Watts, Al. F. and Cecil were warmly recieved both being favorites in Des Moines. Messrs Bland & Garland's new sketch was most effectually put on, gaining the hearty plaudits and support of the audience.

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Mr. Arthur L. Prince sends the following from the P. T. Wright Nashville Students: "Business continues to be good throughout the state. We played the same town with the Davis Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Mahara minstrels the 27th inst., and of course we got ours. Mrs. Ida Lee Wright and Mrs. Anna Stewart are closing the first part with a duet: 'Merry Birds of Spring.' S. H. Dudley, formerly of Dudley and Harris will join the show again in a few days his old partner, A. P. Harris who is now our stage director, don't fail to keep the audience in an uproar of laughter each performance with his funny song — 'Chickens.' Thomas Jefferson, small mouth comedian who appears on the stage between every act, keeps the audience guessing about his trombone solo, which he never plays, a little girl kept her seat after the show last night, and as Mr. Jefferson was about to leave the theatre, she said, 'Mister if you was ashamed to blow your slide horn before the big crowd, will you please play me a tune now? everybody's gone.' Harry Prampin, bandmaster, wishes to inform his friends that next season his band will consist of eighteen men. Boys you must keep your distance unless you are fire proof as we don't carry fire escapes."

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The Centennial Lodge No. 4, B. O. of C. P., at Toledo, O., gyve their regular social session at their hall on Washington street, Thursday April 25. Among the invited guest were: Dr. Haynes, Dr. Scott, Wm. Hunley, O. G. Fields and the entire company of the Oliver Scott Minstrels rnd others too numerous to mention, numbering in all two hundred and seventy-five. The orchestra of the minstrel company furnished delightful music and a few select ballads were rendered by James White, Robert Fields and the McCarver Bros. Several fine imitations by the only Rastus was highly appreciated. Fred W. Simpson took the house by storm with his trombone solo, also did Mr. Tio with his clarionet solos. He was given several encores in response. After refreshments had been served the evenings pleasure was concluded by the prelate calling the house to order, and introduced Dr. Chas. Ferguson, State organizer of the Centennial lodge. Dr. Ferguson stated the benefits of the lodge—how it cares for its sick, and also the duty of each member. The books were then opened for membership and the number received were thirty, and there are more to follow. The closing exercises were completed and the meeting closed singing "Auld Lang Sine." Much credit is due the committee—Brothers Pearl Barber and Wm. Jones for the sucess of the session.

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Notes of the Georgia Up-to-Date:—After two weeks of hard work and rehearsals twice daily the show is in its glory and Mr. George can and has said that he is perfectly satisfied with the way things are running and conducted under the personal direction of our young stage manager Harry L. Gilliam, who is well liked by all the members of the company. Mrs. Henderson of Sedalia, Mo., made a flying visit to Freemont, Neb., where she visited her husband Bob Henderson, the 250 pound comedian. She was royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Wood, and Mrs Gilliam and all members of the company. La Belle Green has joined the company and her presence here is a great help, as her catchy and winning ways never fail to captivate the audience. She is working with her former partner Harry L. Gilliam. The Oak Leaf Quartette is one of the new additions to the company and ranks highly as one of the many features The mixed quartette also comes in for its share, for they always receive from three to four encores nightly. Jack Marion is vocal director and deserves great credit for his tasty way of putting on chorouses. He is also doing a turn with his wife in the olio which is a decided hit from start to finish. Mrs. Wood is in Kansas city visiting her mother. She is expected back in a few days, during her absence Fountain Woods worked alone in the olio with his trombone solo's, which is highly appreciated by the music loving public. The band of 14 pieces under his careful training never fails to make big hits wherever they appear. Johnson & Harris are hitting them hard in their new act and Harry L. Gilliam in his original creation "The Acrobatic Hebrew" is still keeping the press and public speaking in praise of his make up, dialect, naturalness and gestures. Everybody is well and the gentleman in white never fails to make his appearance every Sunday morning at 10:30. Good luck to The Freeman, the performers friend.

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Notes from the Oliver Scott's Minstrels are as follows: "During the engagement of the Oliver P. Scott's minstrels in Toledo, O., we were tendered a banquet on April 25, by the Centennial Lodge, B. O. of C. P. Refreshments both dry and wet were served in abundance; then the 'pipes' of peace were brought forth and every body smoked. James White scored a big hit singing, 'Buffaloes are Living Easy' and he was obliged to respond to several encores, every one joining in the chorus. Ralph Devine also met great favor singing two songs of his own composition. Fred W. Simpson, trombone virtuoso, rendered one of his favorite trombone solos, and was obliged to respond to an encore, but 'Innes' is used to that. Billy McCarver and Billy Miller, were both warmly received for their share of the entertainment. Lorenzo Tio rendered a clarionet solo that was par excellent, and Joe Ricks executed a piccolo solo that won for him, a host of friends. Charles Lee, Toledo's famous piano soloist, played the piano in a manner that showed him to be a master of that instrument. The festivities extended until 3 o'clock in the morning and then the boys and friends of the B. O. C. P., taken their departure more than pleased with the manner in which the Centennial Lodge had shown its appreciation to the members of the Oliver P. Scott's minstrels. One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was a speech by Dr. C. H. Ferguson and he was heartily applauded to the echo. Too much cannot be said of the Centennial Lodge B. O. C. P., of Toledo, and great credit is due Mr. Jones, the prelate. Wednesday night, April 26, Marsh Craig, James White and Joe Ricks were made Buffaloes, and the boys say they nearly rode the bovine to death, but they all say the same thing.

### News Items.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

Miss Bulah Caldwell, of N. 8th. st. is convalescing after two weeks illness. Mr. Henry Armstrong wore the proud smiles of enjoyment with his future intended lady Miss Annie Nailin. Melvin Haste says it does not worry him about whom he owes but is worried about the people who will not let him owe them. Mr. Geo. Grundy says that he is glad summer has come as he don't have to pay cab and opera fares now. Miss Mary Leigh entertained the B. P. O. E. Club with a Dutch supper, Wednesday evening, in honor of Dr. A. G. Taylor, of Mayfield. Those present were Misses Leigh, McGee and Dr. Taylor and Messrs Williams Logan, Overbey and Wise of Blandville. Miss Glopton returned on 27 from a visit to friends in Russellville. Mrs. Thos. Emery is reported on the sick list. Benj. Boyd has sent a reply to the challenge of Evansville colored team and has also asked Manager Watson to see if he could make a date with other cities for him. He has secured some of the best players in the territory of the league and as soon as the quarantine is raised he will invite all the teams to the diamond of Paducah or elsewhere. Mr. Jack Tyler, of Cairo, is in the city and and will sign with the Paducah Athletic Club for the season. Last week, Mr. Author W. Williams and Mr. John W. W. Leyton, 1st Lieutenants of the 8th Illinois Infantry accompanied by Mrs. A. Williams paid a visit to Mr. G. E. Marshall and the luxuries and dainties of their evening entertainment was enjoyed by the visitors. Messrs Williams and Leyton will soon advocate The Freeman in their city (Metropolis.) Wm. Wilson of this city will probably make arrangements with the McAdoo Opera Company at Sidney, Australia for six months if he meets with a favorable reply. As soon as the quarantine of smallpox is raised, the Phœnix Athletic club will hold their first annual reception and banquet in May. Mr. Jno. Moore, Dr. W. W. Grant and Mr. G. E. Marshall have been asked to meet at the residence of Mr. W. E. Leech to see which of the three is to hold the championship of the the greatest joker. The prize will probably be awarded to Mr. Moore. Willie Wilson, of Paducah, will take the necessary steps to arrange a comedy play entitled, "No Queen Can Come to Black for Me." Mr. Wilson has secured some of the best talented comedians in the city and will make this a play of success, a laughable farce. Jno. Carrouthers of this city has rendered a very senseable remark, it takes me six months to attend my business and six minutes to let other peoples alone. Mr. G. E. Marshall returned from a ten days successful visit to S. Illinois. He reports that nothing was liking to make his stay a source of pleasure. His trip on a fishing party was to the greatest of pleasure and that his guide while catching a fish fell overboard and Mr Marshall had to get a fence rail to get him out. He also met the F. and A. M. of the white Fraternity. Mr. Marshall is a gentleman of a high reputation in the circles of Ky. and S. Illinois, therfore his stay was a source of pleasure.

### Personal Mention.

Springfield, O., Special.

W. E. Robbins left last week for Muncie, where he is employed in a tonsorial parlor. "A Court of Famous Women" given at North street A. M. E. church last Monday evening was a grand success. Rev. C. S. Smith will lecture at North street soon. Mrs. Mamie Jackson who has beed ill is able to be out again. Mrs. Thomas who was ill at the city hospital is able to resume her position. Isham's Octoroons played at Black's Opera House to a fair house last week. Miss Etta Thompson left Wednesday evening for her home in New York city after spending the winter with Miss Gussie Banks. Mr. Johnson and Miss Jennings Sundayed in the city. Mr. Farmer and wife, Mr. Jackson and wife were in the city Sunday the guests of Mrs. Banks.

### Golden Jubilee.

Cincinnati, O. Special.

The W. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. for the state of Ohio and its jurisdiction met at High Twelve, Wednesday May, 3, at Allen Temple, A. M. E. church, to open their Golden Jubilee and Semi Centenial Celebration. The celebration was under the auspices of Corinthian Lodge, No. 1; True American Lodge No. 2 and St. John's Lodge No. 3 and they spared no pains to make the affair a success and also make it pleasant for the many visitors and delegates. An elaborate program was rendered at the church and the celebration closed, to the delight of all, with a grand full dress reception and banquet at O. N. G. Armory, to which the public were cordially invited.

### Nineteenth Century Club.

Grand Rapids, Mich.,

Mrs. S. H. Tate and daughter Margaret have returned after several months traveling. Mrs. Corethers has returned after several months visit in Montreal accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Smith of Montreal. Mrs. Henry Smith has been ill will biliousness. Mr. Watts of Detroit is in the city. Sunday evening the Odd Fellows annual sermon will be preached at the Messiah Baptist church. They will turn out in full. The Nineteenth Century Club met with Mrs. N. Carter on Wednesday. A short program was given, and the plans for the annual reception to be held at Mrs. J. C. Ford's were talked over. After dainty refreshments, the club adjourned.

### News Notes.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

Last Tuesday N. M. Alston, District Deputy Grand Master of the U. B. F, and S. M, T., and Rev. H. Barnett also sister Hellen Donnell, State Grand Princess of the S. M. T., went to Halls Station to organize a new Temple to be known as Golden Leaf Temple No 51, S. M. T. We organized with 27 members. The officers of the new Temple are:—W. P., Hattie Pearson; V. P., Sallie Smith; W. S., Celia Sawyer; W. T., Jane Isom. Klyce Corn Shells and Elevator was destroyed by fire, the loss was about $25,000. The fire was near the residence of Rev. H. Barnett. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Lomard died on the 29th after a long spell of sickness, the child was Rev. H. Barnett's grandchild. The interment was at Mount Zion Cemetery. G. U. O. O. F., will have there thanksgiving service on Sunday May the 7, at the Tabernacle Baptist church. The U. B. F, and S. M. T. will hold their third thanksgiving service on the third Sunday in May. Rev. Henderson of Union City, Tenn., is in our city mingling with relatives and friends. Rev. Wm. Moore is here after a long absence from our city. The health of this place is very good at this time.

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### About the City.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mr. Whitaker of Star City has located in this city. Mrs. Geo. Allen has returned from Clarksville, Tenn., to which place she was called by the death of her father. Charley Jones is quite sick. B. C. Marshall of Dayton, O., has accepted a position in C. S. Jones' barber shop. The jubilee concert at the A. M. E. church the 18th ult., was a success. Rev. Smith spent a few days in Dayton, O. H. Banks of Kenneth spent Sunday in the city. W. P. Winslow has sold his barber shop.

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Dr. O. F. Fields is a well-to-do and prosperous physician of St. Louis, Mo.

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Lawyer L. A. Knox, late of Howard University has located in St, Louis, Mo., where he will practice his profession.

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Prof. J. A. Lankford formerly of Normal, Alabama, is now Master Mechanic of the Coleman Cotton Mills at Concord, N. C.

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A colony of sixteen Negroes has left Oklahoma City for Liberia. It is headed by a farmer named Appleberry, who recently sold his farm on Fork Creek, for $3000. All have some money.

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Louie H. Willhite, a former Indianapolis boy, enjoys the distinction of being the only Negro managing an opera house in the United States. He is manager of the Madison, (S. Dak., Opera House.

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There are three states in which the colored population is in the excess of the white—Louisiana. white 558,385, colored, 560,192; Mississippi, white 544,851, colored 749,649; South Carolina, white 462,008, colored 638,141.

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F. W. Taylor of Lansing, Michigan. is one of the few wax figure artists in the country. Mr. Taylor is employed by the Hugh Lyons Manufacturing Co., of Lansing, and in addition to his wax work has charge of the whole third floor of the large establishment were young women are employed in making papier mache forms.

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A petition has been filed with the city clerk in Atlanta, Ga., containing the names of nearly five hundred of the best Negroes of Atlanta, which has for its immediate object, the placing of the Negro public schools under the control of a Negro board of education. T. A. Clark, a Negro, who has always born a character above reproach. is the prime factor in the effort to have a Negro board of education.

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The Mississippi Cotton Manufacturing Company was organized at Jackson, Miss., April, 5. The company is composed entirely of Negroes, and it is proposed to capitalize it entirely with Negro capital. It was recently chartered with an authorized capital of $250,000. The books have been opened for stock subscriptions, and parties desiring to take stock may address the secretary, J. B. Redmond, of Jackson, Miss. The organization was effected with the following officers:—James Hill of Jackson, president; E. W. Lampton of Greenville, first vice-president; Dr. O. P. Ross, of Jackson, second vice-president; W. E. Mass, of Winona, third vice-president; J. B. Redmond of Jackson, secretary; Smith Robertson of Jackson, treasurer. A board of fifteen directors was also elected. The location of the factory was left to be determined by the board of directors. Jackson, Canton, Greenwood, Meridian and Greenville, have all put in applications to secure the location of the factory.

### News Notes.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.

Rev. R. T. Reed came over from Centralia and spent a few days here in the interest of the United Progressive Union Lodge. Prof. Eddie Powell, who spent the winter in Terre Haute taking a commercial course, spent Sunday here enroute to Carmi. Prof. L. Z. Zimmerman, of Desoto Mo., made a business trip to our city Saturday. The Grammar School commencement will be held May 3rd. The graduating class is making ample preparations for the occassion and they will be ably assisted by the Mt. Vernon Military Band. Julia Renfro has by faithful application to her studies won the place as Salutatory and Martha Covington, Valedictorian. Albert Jones, recently mustered out of the Eighth Illinois, is visiting friends here. He returned to Litchfield Monday. McFossie of Metropolis is spending a few days in Mt. Vernon. The Lee Brotners, the musicians are circulating among friends here. Bishop Isaac Lane of the Third Episcopal District of the C. M. E. Church preached a wonderful sermon at C. M. E. Church Sunday morning, his discourse was "Come to Christ." The Bishop preached at the M. E. Church at 7.30 subject, "Paying Money and Who Shall he Pay it to, etc. There was Quarterly meeting at C. M. E. church last Sunday conducted by Rev. Owsley, P. E. Rev. G. W. Parker is suffering from rheumatism. Mrs. Elijah Covington is very sick. Mrs. Hannah Stigger and daughters returned from Godfrey, where she was called to attend to the bedside of her sister. Chess Stigger accompanied the excursion to St. Louis Sunday.

### News of Interst.

Charlottsville, Va., Special.

The various churches were well attended last Sunday. We learn that Shiloh Baptist church will give a grand entertainment next month, we find that the young ladies and gentlemen are practicing under the management of Madame L. G. Brown. The Y. M. C. A. received a donation of $13.33 from the waiters of the Hot Springs, through the efforts of W. M. Noble, this organization has certainly gained a wide reputation. James Taylor, & Sons are hustlers from way back they are numbered among the leading grocery men of our city, they are polite, cheap and obliging, why not give them a call. J W. Goins our well known pianist returned home last week from Staunton Va. The Central Relief and Insurance Company is conducting an extensive business here. C. H. Bullock, manager and Andrew Buchannon, agent. Insure with them, they care for the sick and bury the dead. Yes we find that the United Aid and Insurance Company are paying their just claims. Rev. J. W. H. Chrisp the agent is a hustler and continues to write up policies. D. E. Byrd the inspector is busy at his office looking after the affairs. Everyone that has used the Egyptian Regulating Tea, has been relieved and speak in the highest terms of it, C. J. Wells the agent will call on you at your desire, he is polite and courteous. The Freeman is one of the leading journals published in the interest of the race, subscribe and pay for it, Madame Rumor, always desires to see the home news but never cares to purchase a copy. She is counted among the dead beat list. Mrs. G. S. Meadows left the city last week for Alexandra, Va. We won't forget to give you a letter next week.

### A Birthday Anniversary.

Duluth, Minn,. Special.

The first birthday anniversary of little Julia McDonald was celebrated with a baby party at the residence of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Richey. The home was beautifully decorated and especially the dining room and table. At three o'clock, by a march played by Amelia H. Porter, the little ones marched to the dining apartment were an inviting luncheon was spread. There were about sixteen babies there, the age ranging from seven months to three years. The party containing the chaperons and a few smal l children numbered about twenty five and a most delightful time was had. The chaperons were Madames A. Mason, J. O. Radney, Enguene Watts, E. G. Richey, Mrs. McCoy, M. E. Taylor, and Miss Amelia H. Porter had care of the two little girls of Superior, Claudia Waughn and Helen Butler. The presents to Miss Julia McDonald were all handsome. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson of St Paul, is visiting our Zenith city, the guest of Mrs. H. J. Shelton. May their stay be long and pleasant. The Cake Walk given by Mrs. James Black for the benefit of the church was a grand success and the beautifully designed cake was won by Master Willie Black and Miss Margaret Black. Those taking part were Elizabeth Johnson, Dea Austin, Margaret and Ethel Black, Willie Black, Elmer Johnson, Wallace Radney. Eddie Newsome, Herald Stokes, led by Wm. Armeson, the champion ameture cake walker of the west, a boy fourteen years of age.

### The Freeman in Alaska.

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## THE FLIGHT OF ORATORY THAT WON HIM A PAGESHIP.

### Jimmie Was Not Bashful, and His Early Call on Senator Eldridge Gave That Gentleman an Inspiration In Words That Carried the Day.

Below is printed the noted speech of Senator Eldridge of Shelby in nominating Jimmie Tibbs, the Nashville newsboy, to be page of the senate. Senator Eldridge had made the newsboy's cause his own, though the little fellow came to him unknown, with no stronger supplicancy than the boy's frail yet energetic appearance. Senator Eldridge had notified the senate that the man who voted against Tibbs voted against the senator from Shelby, and the sweetness of revenge would come when the opposing voter wanted the senator's support on a local bill. The speech was as follows.

"Mr. Speaker, I nominate for page Jim Tibbs of Davidson county. There can be no ulterior motive ascribed to this nomination, no railroad passes, no champagne suppers, no political pulls. I come from the muddy Mississippi river and Mr Tibbs from the misty mountain tops of middle Tennessee. Mr. Tibbs has seen ten summers, but many, many winters have shed their snow on his sunny head. His freckled. anxious face is standing there gazing at me now. He is looking up now, but for nearly all his life he has looked down as he has shined the big feet of small men.

"Mr. Speaker, Mr. Tibbs is not here as a supplicant for pity or sympathy Mr. Tibbs is a man and the head of a family Mr Tibbs has met the dizzy, sinsick world and won out. He has not become as dizzy or as sick as you and I, and, therefore, I will not refer to the humble home of Mr. Tibbs or the old mother who, no doubt, is on her knees praying to Almighty God for Mr. Tibbs. I will not refer to the paralyzed brother who, like myself, knows that Mr. Tibbs cannot fail. But somehow I feel cold when I think of that snowstorm out yonder and how it must rattle the curtainless windows of Mr. Tibbs' residence. And, Mr. Speaker, I somehow do wish that the mother of Mr. Tibbs would kindly mention this great senate in that prayer, for, if she did, I believe it would suit its constituents better, and we would come nearer coming back next time.

"Mr Tibbs, like myself, has been blown into this senate by the sublimity of luck. Destiny chooses her disciples with unerring aim, and those who oppose Mr. Tibbs are fighting God. I will tell you why I think this. I am stopping at the Tulane hotel, by the faith of the host thereof. My wife and baby are with me there. Yesterday morning I had been up very early discussing the question of a new constitution for myself and my state.

"At 6 in the morning Sarah was softly humming to the teething baby, rocking him back to rest, to sleep and to forgetfulness, which is the only rest The old refrain rose and fell as the nodding of a flower

"Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
While on his breast I lean my head
And softly breathe my life out there.

"Knock! knock! 'Come in,' I angrily said, expecting a bellboy

"Mr. Tibbs appeared. He came to the bed and said: 'Senator, I am named Tibbs, and I want to be page of the senate. I want you to make the rest of them vote for me, please sir.'

"'Mr. Tibbs,' I replied, 'does it not occur to you that you are crowding me somewhat? Don't you think for the kind of a day and the time of day that your visit is not the proper thing?'

"'Well, it is good daylight,' he said. 'and I have been up some time.'

"'Yes, sir, all men should be ready for business by this time,' was my rejoinder, 'but why do you come to me and how did you find me?'

"'I saw you in the Climax saloon yesterday, and Mr. Maddin, the barkeeper, said you were a senator,' came the unhesitating answer.

"I quickly glanced at my wife, the rocking had stopped, and the baby. hearing a strange voice, had ceased his complaint and was sitting up, looking like a jack rabbit in a bed of lilies, all eyes and ears.

"I said, 'Mr. Tibbs, I must ask you to excuse me, I will call on you later.

"'Yes, sir, I will see you,' he replied. and went away.

"Sarah turned her head and said. 'Will, I am for Tibbs.'

"Mr. Speaker, I arose and raised the curtain of the window. The east seemed flecked with a swarm of golden bees the sun, that had been away, was knocking at the front door of this planet. Sir, who can tell of the systems and cycles he had smiled upon, of his unspeakable glory and sublimity? The light of this sun will fade by and by. At one time it was born, at one time it must surely die, but, sir, the fire I had seen in the eyes of Jimmie Tibbs will not die. It is older than the sun. It has stood floods of storm and wrath that would quench that sun. One is of today, but the faith, the courage and the hope of Tibbs make us dream again of the immortality of the soul."

Tibbs was elected.—Nashville American.

### Neglected Poe.

According to the English papers, Austin Dobson is accredited with the following lines, written in a copy of the works of Edgar Allan Poe

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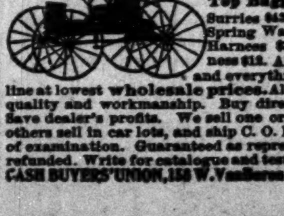

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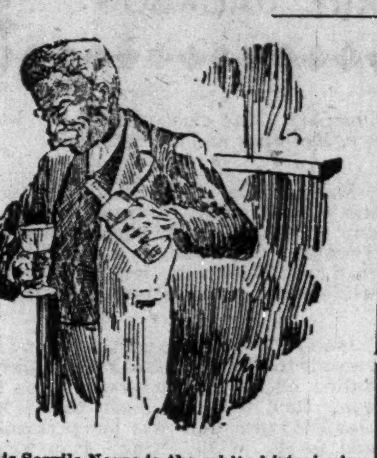

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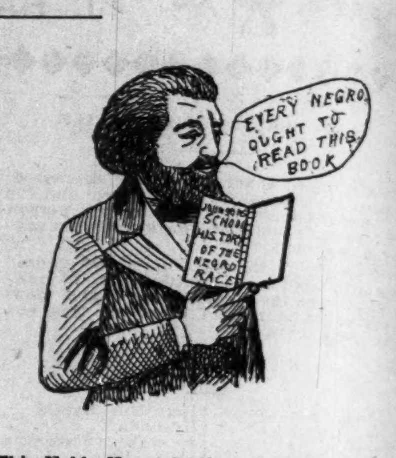
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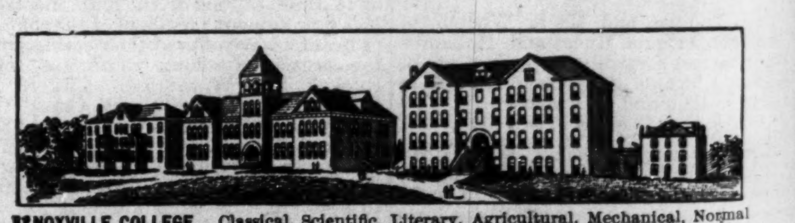

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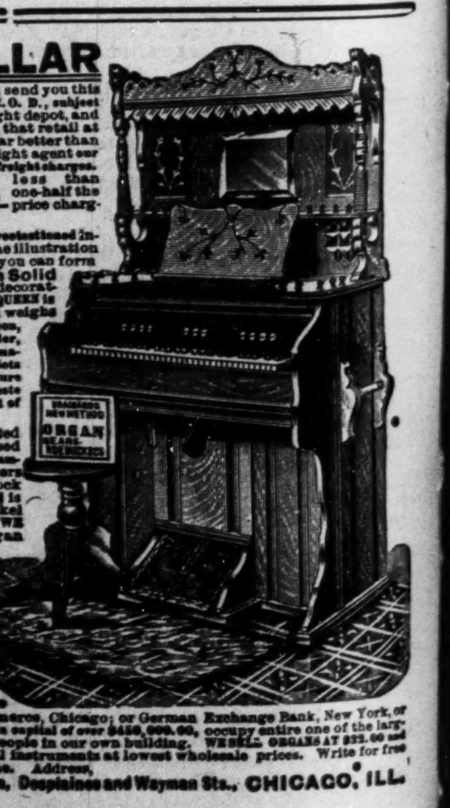

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## FABLE XI.

"HERCULES AND THE WAGONER."

As the American Negro, after he had recieved the ballot and the citizenship was carelessly driving his wagon, "political rights" along the miry lane of Southern prejudice, his wheels stuck so deep in the clay that the horses, "Might' and "Right" came to a stand still. Upon this the American Negro, without making the least effort of his own began to call upon Hercules (Congress) to come and help him out of his troubles. But Hercules bade him lay his shoulder (use his vote) to the wheel, assuring him that Heaven (and earth) only aids those who help themselves. The American Negro then turned to prayer, afterwhich he sat down and waited for God to fight his battles and right his wrongs.

This story teaches that it is vain to expect our prayers to be heard, if we do not fight as well as pray.

## FABLE XII.

The "Yaller" the Black and the Brown Afro-American, the Mulatto American and the Black American had a heated debate as to which of them was the greater. "I am half white and therefore nearer to a seat upon the bench of Equal Rights than you. Yes, I'm half white and am sometimes taken for white in the dark so you must admit that I'm ten points ahead of you." The Black American replied, you do well to say that you are half white as you are only a half and half. You are neither white nor black. I am a full blooded black American and I'm proud of the fact, therefore you must admit I am twenty points in the lead." Words between the two were running high and the strife had waxed dangerous when the Brown American, thrusting his head from the neighboring bush of "Horse-sense" cried out. "My brothers, you have disputed long enough. Let there be no more rivalry betwixt you. Let us all remember that we are all under the bans of the white Americanprejudice and injustice; let us recall the truth that all Afro-Americans look alike to those of our white fellow country men, who are placing barriers in the roadway of our progressive march. Let us be united as in union there is strength; let us copy the good in the white man and throw away his (and our own bad); let us remember that the black the brown and the yellow Afro-American are all handicapped in the race of life in this our native country. Let us try to better our condition; let us enter the fields of business; let us get wealth; let us stand shoulder to shoulder and a bright future awaits us."

This story teaches (or should teach) that the keys to the solution of the "Negro Problem" are "Business, Wealth and Race Unity."

### In the Social Whirl.

Macon. Mo., Special.

Mrs. Ella Reed and two children of Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. Johns of Butte, Montana, accompained the remains of their sister Mrs. Ola Davis here from the latter place. They were born and reared here, but left when they were just budding into womanhood, about 18 years ago, and although the home coming was sad there were many loving and sympathetic friends who were glad to greet them. While in the city they were the guest of Mesdames Craig Griffin and Geo. Rutherford. Myrtle Griffin is convalescent after a severe illness. Miss Melisa Hodges is reported better. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gleaves and baby Ruth of Pana, Ill., are visiting Mrs. Gleaves' mother, Mrs. M. J. Finney, The Busy Bees, a club consisting of little misses from 6 to 14 years, of age was recently organized, auxiliary to the Second Baptist church. The following are its officers:—president, Alice Finney; vice-president, Lena Davis; secretary, Pollie Edwards, assistant secretary, Lizzie Bragg; treasurer, Gussie Smith; and Mrs. S. M. Mott, manager. Beauty, wit, tact an talent all contributed to make a social success of the soiree given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Enix, Tuesday evening when the Lemon Novelty Club gave the first of their series of fetes. There were games, testing culture, wit and skill, and these together with the well rendered music by some of the members, served to make the evening one of perfect enjoyment. Lenard Olive captured first honors as having successfully pieced the ugliest block in the "Ugly Quilt," which furnished no end of amusement, while to Miss Hannah Davis was awarded the booby prize. An excellent luncheon was served and the ladies were complimented on their master of the culinary art. The Lemon Novelty Club with Miss M. Marie Davis as president is one of the leading auxiliaries of the Second Baptist church, and they are striving to do their part of the work in beautifying and repairing the church. Rev. C. R. Runyon was taken very ill Wednesday night. The Lone Star Quarttete rendered very pretty selections at the Masonic hall, C. J. Rutherford, soprano, Edw. Maroy, tenor, Earl Burton, bass, and Arthur Williams, baritone. J. W. Pleasant and James Morton left Sunday night for Brooklyn, N. Y., to join P. G, Lowery's Concert Band. Miss A. G. Noel read a latin essay before the senior class of Dumas school Friday at the home of Miss Maude Ruby.

### THE MUSES.

Of old the muses sat on high
  And heard and judged the songs of men.
On one they smiled who loitered by;
  Of toiling ten they slighted ten.

"They lightly serve who serve us best,
  Nor know they how the task was done.
We muses love a soul at rest,
  But violence and toil we shun."

If men say true, the muses now
  Have changed their ancient habitude
And would be served with knitted brow
  And stress and toil each day renewed.

So each one with the other vies
  Of those who weave romance or song,
"On us, O muse, bestow thy prize,
  For we have striven well and long!"

And yet methinks I hear the hest
  Come murmuring down from Helicon,
"They lightly serve who serve us best,
  Nor know they how the task was done!"

—Edith M. Thomas in Dial.

## HE STILL LIVES.

### A Case Where Medical Science Made a Little Miscalculation.

"Medical science occasionally makes a grand miscalculation," said an old citizen. "I never pass a certain house on lower Prospect street without remembering that 28 years ago a certain noted doctor of this town—he died recently—condemned me to death. 'You have but a week to live,' he said.

"This was information of somewhat serious import to me, although, at that time, I didn't much care whether it was a week or a month. But I went to another doctor. 'Are you really frightened?' he asked. 'No,' I said; 'I've got beyond that.' Then he remarked, 'You can't last a month.' Somehow this corroborative testimony didn't satisfy me. Before I got through my search for information I consulted eight doctors. And, by the way, I was hunting through the second week before I made the rounds. Of course they all agreed pretty well. The most liberal man of the lot said I might pull through for a year, but he greatly doubted it. The other medicos gave me from a week to three months.

"Well, sir, I've attended the funerals of five of those doctors, and, please God, I'll see the other three under the sod before I quit.

"Understand me—I was a pretty tough object at that time. A bronchial trouble had worn me to skin and bone. I walked with a crutch and a cane. I could scarcely talk. All the doctors agreed that my lungs were past mending. Five of them said I had but one lung left, and that, they claimed, was on its last legs.

"Well, when I went to the ninth doctor, I was mad clear through. I knew he didn't have a blessed idea concerning my case. But he tried hard to look knowing and went back to his little drug tank and presently returned with a neat package wrapped in white paper. I handed him the $2 he demanded and walked away. 'Here,' he said; 'you've forgotten your medicine.' I turned back. 'No, I haven't,' I said hotly; 'I left it there purposely. Give it to the next credulous fool whose case you don't understand.' Say, it did me good to get mad. I went home, chucked every drug into the ash barrel, staid out in the open air all I could, wasn't the least bit careful about myself, worked about the house every day until exhausted and began to get better. By George! Inside of a year I was in tiptop condition! Look at me now! Sound as a dollar! Yes, sir, science does occasionally slip up with considerable unanimity."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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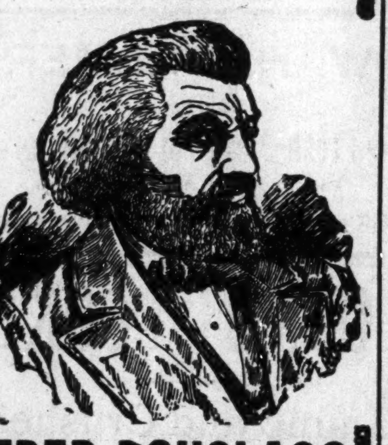

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Mrs. Harriet Spaulding, returned to her home in Kentucky, last week.

Rev. Newton, of Springfield, Ill., preached at Allen Chapel last Sunday.

Rev. Saunders of Knightstown is in the city the guest of Rev. A. L. Murray.

Rev. Chas Jones, now stationed at Hawesville, Ky., is visiting his family in this city.

The Odd Fellows annual sermon will be preached at Bethel church to-morrow afternoon at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Flossie Dawson, wife of George Dawson, died suddenly at her home in in Fayette street Tuesday of hemorage.

Copies of The Freeman can be found every Saturday in Beaufort, S. C., at Mr. A. M. Greenfield's jewelery store.

Mr. Ezra Roberts will sing at Sunday morning services at Bethel church "There is a Land mine eye hath seen."

Mrs. D. D. Hunter, of 512 Fulton street who has been confined to her bed for the last four weeks is rapidly improving.

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One of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season was given at the Odd Fellows Hall Tuesday night, by Mr. Emsidel Stone and the Misses Minnie Morris and Henrietta Davis.

Mr. Calvin Brooks was elected delegate to the Electorial College which meets in Nobelsville, Ind., May 17th, to elect delegates to the general conference which meets in Columbus, O. May 3rd 1900.

Mr. W H. Jackson, is now engaged as mixologist at James Vaughn's popular sample room in Indiana avenue, where he will be pleased to meet his many friends. A fresh story and a cool bottle will be handed out by "Big Jack" as he is familiarly known by the boys, that made him a favorite in the County Auditors office.

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Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

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### Local Items.

Lansing, Mich., Special.

The sudden death of J, Price, in Washington, D. C., was a shock to all. His very short career as a messenger in the War Department, was filled with many promises of a brilliant future. His wife and loved ones have the hearty sympathy of the people of Lansing. The recent drama given at the A. M. E. church cleared over $50, the amount taken in being $63.75. Rev. Masterson, the pastor returned last week from a trip to various points in Canada and to Detroit. He reports an enjoyable time and the finding of a good religious spirit in Detroit. His energies are being earnestly put forth for better church attendance and a revival of spirituality among his people. The Y. P. S. C. E., will give a fine literary and musical entertainment Wednesday evening May 10th. At the entertainment at the Bapsist church, Wednesday evening the 19th ult., over $30.00 was cleared. The proceeds go to purchase the pastor Rev. Bowers, a suit of clothes, with which to attend the Association. The church seems to be in a healthy state of progress. Rev. Bowers is quite a young man, and has placed himself in the highest esteem and confidence of the people by his earnest dignified bearing. Also he is naturally pleased with his church. The surprise party recently given to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Robinson was an enjoyable affair. Among the handsome presents received was a beautiful parlor lamp, a water set and lace curtains. Most cordial invitations to call again are extended by the host and hostess.

### Personal Mention.

Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Special.

Watson Burke, died on Wednesday morning the 26th inst., after an illness of several months duration. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at the Second Baptist church, conducted by the pastor Rev. D. J. Tate. The third quarterly meeting was held on Sunday the 23rd, ult., at the A. M. E. church. presiding elder Bundy arrived on Monday and held quarterly conference Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Miller of Des Moines, were called to the city by the serious illness of his mother Mrs. Margaret McNeal, they have returned home. Miss Alice Wicks has returned from Wisconsin. H. C. Stewart has gone to Ottumwa to make his home there J. W. Fidler has returned from Chicago. Rev. Jason Bundy presiding elder of the Iowa District left Tuesday morning to visit his family in Chicago.

### Items.

Jacksonville, Fla. Special

The Oakland graded school closed Friday the 21st ult. The exercises were the best in the history of the school. D. A. L. Pierce a graduate of Meharry Medical school is one of the leading physicians in the city. He has a very good practice. Washington Simmons has been employed in the firm of Harkeshime & Son for the last 14 years as one of the salesmen. He is said to be one of the best salesmen in the city.

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